

Downtown Community Council

Minutes

Wednesday, 04 December 2016 @ 5:30

Meeting called to order.

Minutes of November meeting were motioned, seconded, and approved. With two council members objecting. Adding Bylaws to the agenda was also motioned, seconded and approved and added to the agenda.

Joshua mentioned the Assembly was in the middle of several issues. The 2017 budget was approved. Patrick Flynn is aware of the issues that downtown is facing and welcomes any feedback or helpful information. Question was asked about what the city is planning to do about state budget issues. Josh mentioned he would get back at the next meeting with that answer.

No representative for the mayor's office report was available.

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DOT & PF project:

A short presentation was given to update on the work that DOT is doing in advance of the Minnesota Drive: Tudor Road to 15th Avenue project that may impact your community. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to resurface Minnesota Drive from the Tudor Road to 15th Avenue. The purpose of this project is to mitigate damage and wear on the current road surface, reduce maintenance costs, and extend the service life. The proposed work may include repairing drainage structures, such as culverts and storm drain systems, where necessary. To determine those locations crews will be out this winter and spring to camera some of the existing pipes. The proposed project is slated for construction in 2018, depending on available funding. (It is looking like it may slip further back.)

Mayor Rep:

Mayor's representative Nancy Burke briefly talked about the new police academy and the new foot patrols. Muni is hoping this will deter crime. Some council members expressed their support and acknowledgement that it has already made a noticeable impact around the downtown area. Nancy briefly updated on the homelessness initiatives for 2017, new portal for reporting, and expanded options for homeless over flow.

Bylaws were brought up and the amendments that were recommended by the Ombudsman were approved. One additional amendment made by the council was "that prior to a meeting where there is a vote, any eligible member must have attended the previous monthly meeting". President Hester mentioned that he would then submit the approved and conforming bylaws to the Ombudsman and the clerk for review, if there was any discrepancy with the bylaws the President would make sure they comply with all Ombudsman's suggestions before submission to the Assembly and FCC etc.. This Bylaw Approval was motioned, seconded, and unanimously passed.

President Hester stated that the Marijuana/Alcohol meeting would not meeting in December, but in January right before the January meeting. A question was asked at the end of the meeting if an individual has i.e. 10 properties with different tenants/businesses inside does that individual get 10 different votes from those 10 different people at the downtown community council meeting. The consensus was no, but that the council would check with the Ombudsman.

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